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1. The Security Forces (Securitate) are the most reliable tool of the Rumanian regime. All members belong to the Communist Party and many of them are specifically recruited from among the armed forces personnel. The Security Forces are used to support the police force; to quell any public demonstrations, riots, or unrest; to combat partisan and resistance elements; to carry out loyalty checks on questionable persons; to provide escorts for high public officials; and to investigate acts or incidents against the State. The morale is extremely high because they are the most favored of the military forces, and receive preferential treatment and benefits.

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2. Members of the special branches of the Rumanian armed forces, such as the Navy, Air Force, and Engineers, are the least loyal to the regime since they harbor many who could be counted upon to collaborate with a resistance movement.

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 Rumanian war vessels never receive more than a two-hour supply of fuel because the regime was afraid that they would defect. Whenever going out on a training cruise, two or three Securitate officers, wearing naval officer uniforms, came aboard the vessel.


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3. The Rumanian Army is also not entirely loyal to the regime, and  the Army would surrender in large numbers to the Allies in case of war.  the Rumanian Army would be intentionally ineffective against native Rumanian resistance groups. The only way troops would be induced to fire upon their people would be if Soviet troops were included in the units.

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4.  a great animosity existed on the part of the Rumanian soldier toward the Soviet troops who have been instructing Rumanian units. Soviet soldiers were quartered in the same area as Rumanian soldiers but received preferential treatment. Because the Soviet soldier was in a superior status compared to the Rumanian soldier and because he was still part of an occupation army, resentment existed from a personal and nationalistic point of view.

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